I DIDN'T GET ANY TEXTS LAST NIGHT, HUH?
WELL, THAT MAKES SENSE.
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Outgoing Call
Ashihara Himari
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Beep
HOLD O–
WE'RE SORRY, BUT THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED
CANNOT BE CONNECTED AS PER THE OWNER'S REQUEST.

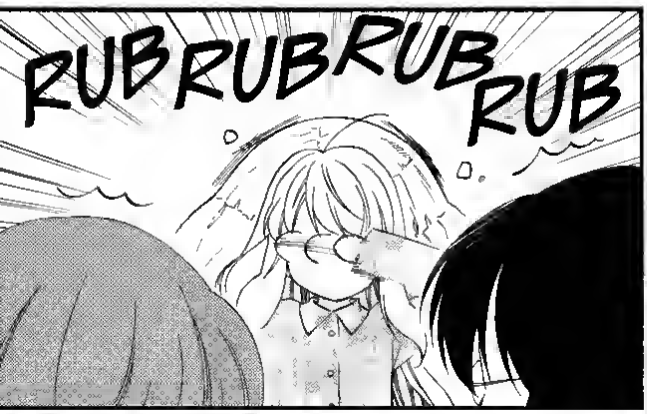
WHAT?
Outgoing Call
Ashihara Himari
STEP.31
She came down with a fever
Because of the rain?
I see
Okay, thank you
Go on up
...WE CAME TO SEE YOU♥

YESTER-
DAY...
And after that no calls went through
YOU HUNG UP ALL OF A SUDDEN.
WHAT HAP-
PENED YESTER-
DAY?
DID SOME-
THING HAPPEN TO YOUR PHONE?
GIRLS...
YOUR MOM'S PRETTY WORRIED TOO.
Vrrr Vrrr
AH, HIMARI?
WHERE ARE YOU NOW? AT HOME?
BEEP
YES?
Trip
RIGHT NOW, I'M...

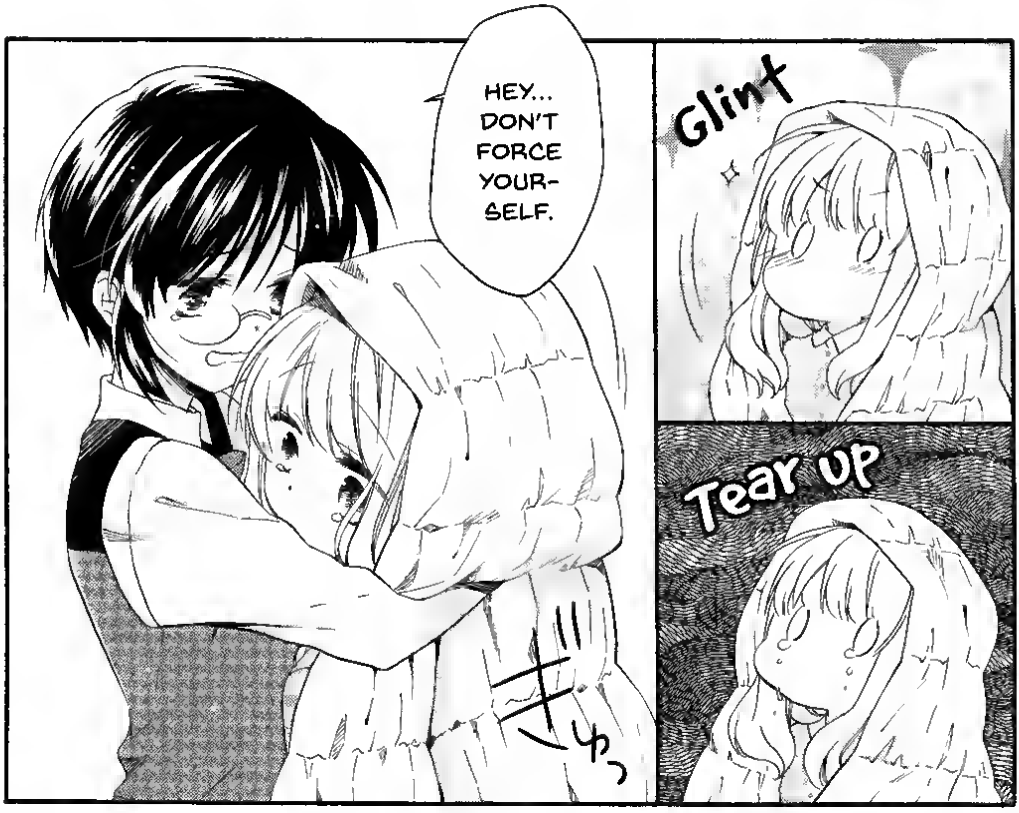
SPLASH!
W-WOW...
THAT'S RIGHT, SHE HASN'T RETURNED HOME YET...
OH MY...
SLOSH
OH MY, OH MY, OH MY!!

I LOST... EVERY-THING...

HIMARI...


RUB RUB RUB RUB

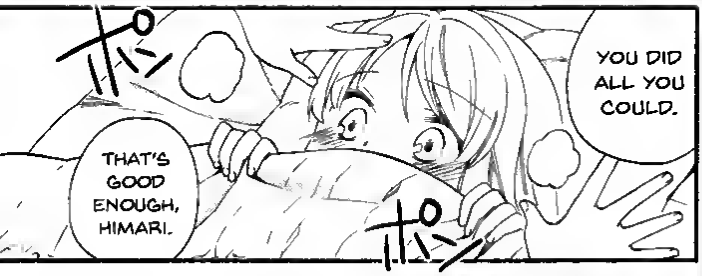
Satoru-kun's contact information, our text messages...
even the strap I got from him...
it all got washed away.



Everything I had was rooted in a lie to begin with.

But that's just how it has to be.

Revealing the truth meant I had to let go of it all.



Even if my heart aches, it's nothing compared to the pain, the anguish Satoru-kun must feel.

HEYA...
WHAT HAPPENED, KAI?
DID YOU GET DUMP-ED?
Juuust kidding
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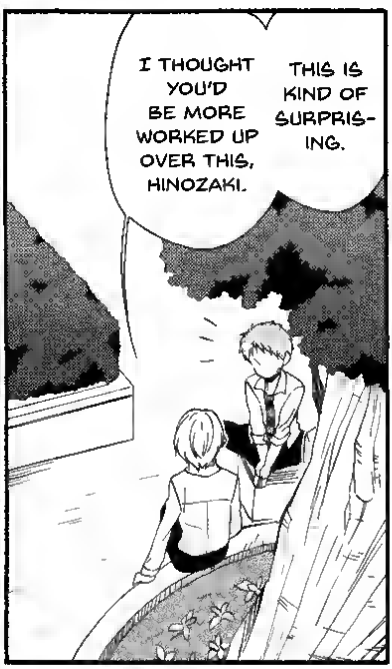
...LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS SOMEWHERE ELSE.
POSITION?
ピク
...I WASN'T EVEN IN THE POSITION TO GET DUMPED...
EEEH?!

AND WHAT'S WITH THAT POKER FACE OF YOURS?
THAT'S... OH MAN... SO IT WAS A TEST OF COURAGE...
Didn't expect that from Himari
WELL... I ALREADY KNEW ABOUT IT.
EEEh?!

WHAT... DID I SAY? MY MEMORY'S KIND OF FUZZY...
SO, WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HER AFTER THAT?
HUH?
AH... I COULD BARELY THINK, SO ALL I ENDED UP SAYING WAS "SORRY"...
WHAT?
TWO POINTS.
YOU GET ONE POINT FOR COMING UP WITH A LINE THAT'S SO EASILY MISUNDER-STOOD.
...

Ahaha, no use sweating it now
Th-That's not what I meant
WOULDN'T IT SEEM LIKE YOU WERE BREAKING UP WITH HER?
H-
HUH?!
Break up.

AND I DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT KAI WAS DUPED LIKE THAT...
I DON'T THINK WHAT HIMARIN DID WAS VERY NICE.


I THOUGHT YOU'D BE MORE WORKED UP OVER THIS, HINOZAKI.
THIS IS KIND OF SURPRISING.

BUT YOU KNOW,
LOOKING AT THOSE TWO, I HAVE A FEELING,
THAT THINGS WILL WORK OUT JUST FINE.

A HUNCH WITH NOTHING TO BACK IT UP... THAT'S SO LIKE HIM...
OR SOMETHING! LIKE, THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT ALREADY... SO THINGS SHOULD TURN OUT ALRIGHT, YA KNOW?

AND REALLY,
Who
When
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS, OTOGI?
OH, I ALREADY HAD MY TURN FLIPPING OUT.
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AL-READY ?!!
Ah, the good old days
I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT EITHER OF YOU WOULD HAVE MADE ANY PROGRESS ANYTIME SOON...
WITHOUT THAT CON-FESSION,
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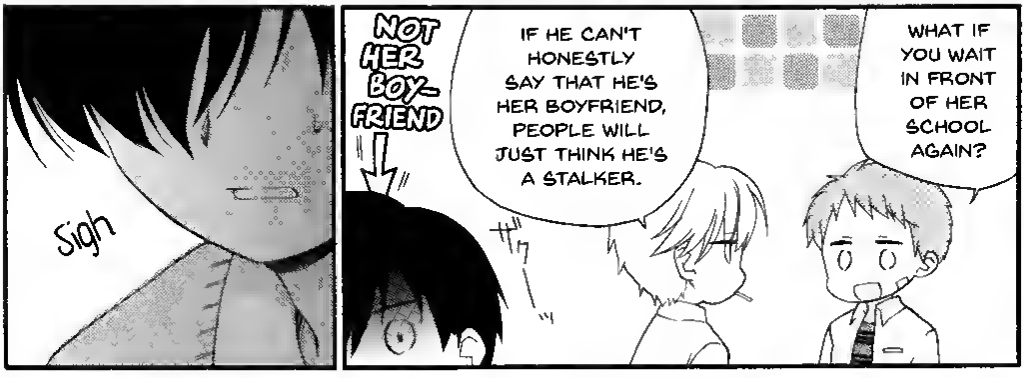
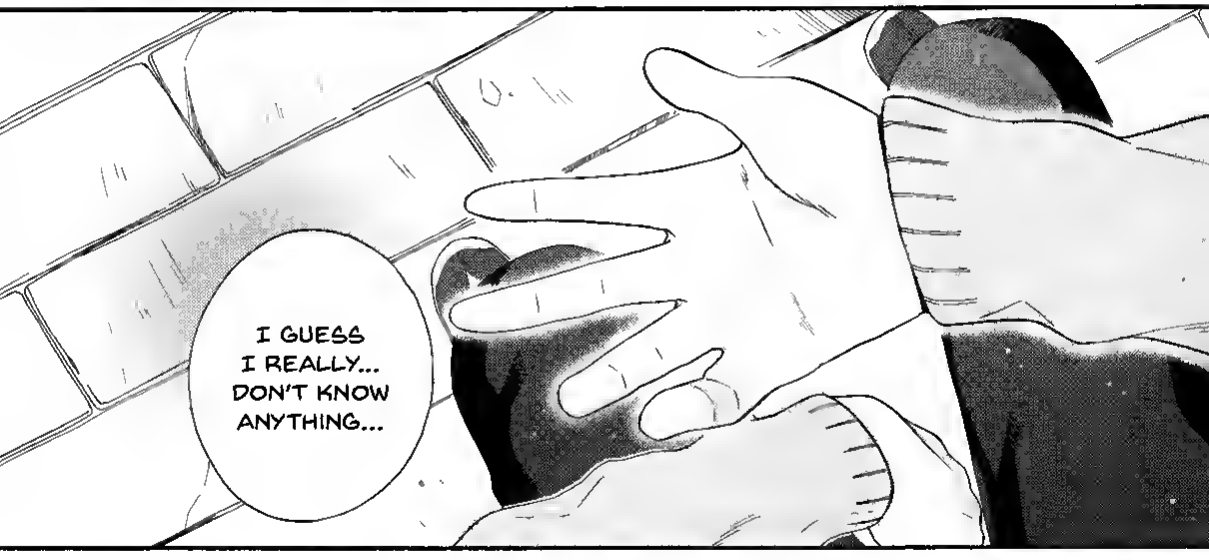
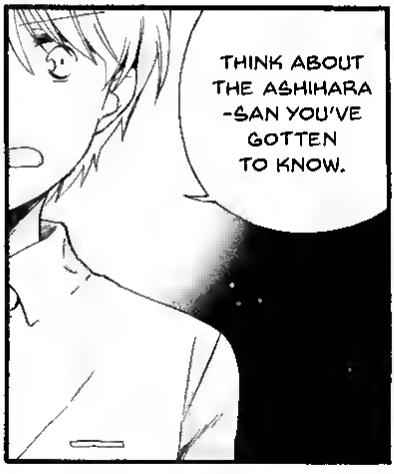
YOU NEED TO HAVE A PROPER TALK.
ANYWAY, JUST SAYING "SORRY" WON'T GET ANYTHING ACROSS.

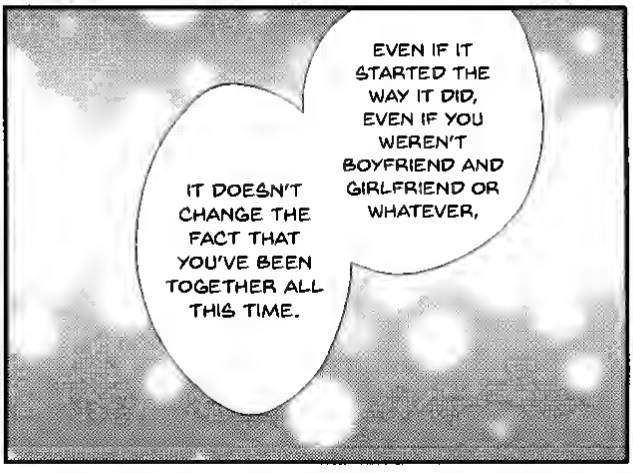
SHE WASN'T AT OUR RENDEZVOUS POINT THIS MORNING,
AND HER PHONE'S DISCONNECTED, SO EVEN IF I TRIED TO CONTACT HER...
BUT... HIMARI-SAN MIGHT NOT WANT TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING I HAVE TO SAY.

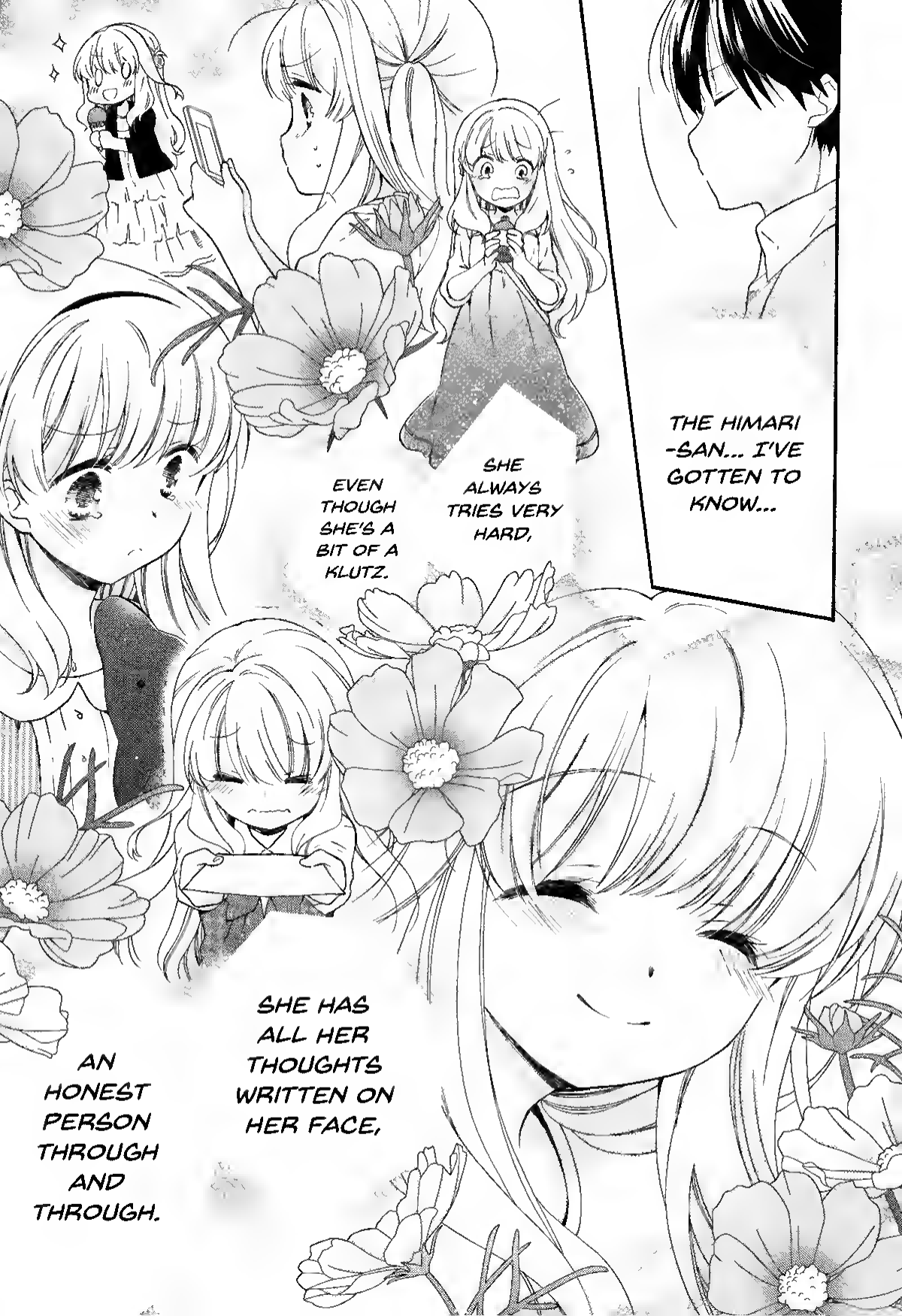

Sigh
NOT HER BOYFRIEND
IF HE CAN'T HONESTLY SAY THAT HE'S HER BOYFRIEND, PEOPLE WILL JUST THINK HE'S A STALKER.
WHAT IF YOU WAIT IN FRONT OF HER SCHOOL AGAIN?

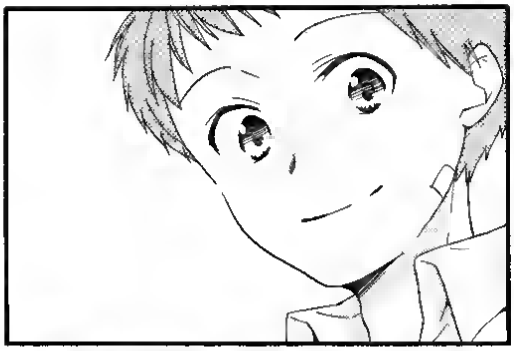

I GUESS I REALLY... DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING? GIVE ME A BREAK!


THINK ABOUT THE ASHIHARA -SAN YOU'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW.


EVEN IF IT STARTED THE WAY IT DID, EVEN IF YOU WEREN'T BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND OR WHATEVER,
IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU'VE BEEN TOGETHER ALL THIS TIME.


THE HIMARI -SAN... I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW...
SHE ALWAYS TRIES VERY HARD,
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A BIT OF A KLUTZ.
SHE HAS ALL HER THOUGHTS WRITTEN ON HER FACE,
AN HONEST PERSON THROUGH AND THROUGH.



That pained smile she's had lately was because she forced herself to laugh while knowing she had to reveal the truth...

THAT'S THE KIND OF GIRL SHE IS.

I want to know what her real Feelings were underneath.
Like back then.
Or back then.
I'M SURE HIMARIN CAME CLEAN BECAUSE HER CONSCIENCE COULDN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE.
HER CONSCIENCE...
MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN THE ONLY THING.
WHAT DO YOU—
HERE AND NOW!

YOUR FEELINGS HERE AND NOW, THOSE ARE WHAT REALLY MATTER, MORE SO THAN ASHIHARA-SAN'S.
WHAT YOU ACTUALLY THINK, HOW YOU ACTUALLY FEEL,
AND FINALLY, WHAT YOU WANT TO DO ABOUT IT.

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OH...
HIMA-
TOKIWA
-SAN...